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ABSTRACT

AGRICULTURE-Grow More Food-Distribution of fertilisers etc. Opening of more Agricultural Depots in South Kanara and Malabar districts-Orders passed.

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Food and Agriculture Department

G.O.Ms.No.2039 Dated 25th October,1950

Read the following:

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture during his recent visit to Kozhikode was made to understand that there was only one depot in each taluk of Malabar district for distribution of improved paddy seeds, green manure seeds, pesticides, etc. and that great difficulty was experienced by ryots in getting their requirements of these things at the proper time. In South Kanara as well as in Malabar the distribution of these essential agricultural needs cannot be done through a single depot in each taluk for the following reasons:--

1. Unlike the East coast villages, in the West coast the houses are all scattered and they are not grouped in a particular area; and

2. It is difficult to reach the village since in many places there are ferries which cannot be easily forded during monsoon time.

In view of the peculiar circumstances prevailing in South Kanara and Malabar, the Government consider that arrangements should be made to open more depots in these districts for the distribution of paddy seeds, green manure seeds, pesticides and such items of iron and steel as have not been taken over by Co-operative Societies. The Director of Agriculture is requested to take action accordingly and submit necessary proposals in the light of paragraph 2 below.

2. In this connection the attention of the Director of Agriculture is invited to the Government Memorandum No: 16194-50-2 Food and Agriculture (Food Production) dated 11th September 1950 in which orders have already been issued accepting his proposal to distribute improved seeds in interior villages through selected seed farm ryots in five districts including Malabar. The Director of Agriculture is requested to consider and report very urgently (1) whether the above arrangement cannot be availed of for the distribution of improved seeds, pesticides etc. and extended to as many villages as possible in Malabar and (2) what arrangements have been made by him for the distribution of improved seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. through the multi-purpose village co-operatives that have been formed and are functioning in South Kanara district. The demand for the opening of more Agricultural Depots and the difficulties of the ryots in South Kanara can be met, if the Village Co-operatives are soon entrusted with the above items of work for which they have been created.

p.t.o.

The Commissioner of Food Production is requested to see that the Village Co-operatives quickly undertake these items of work. He is also requested to see that tender forms organise sale depots in South Kanara and Malabar without further delay.

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Secretary to Government

To the Joint Director of Agriculture.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture.
" to the Board of Revenue (Food Production).
" to the Accountant-General, through Finance Department.
" to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

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R. Nagarajan 17.9.46
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